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The claims have been rewritten (as new Claims 31 - 43) to recite that the each traction tooth has an axis at an angle ALT which is angled outwardly away from the central axis AL. Clearly, this avoids Bouyer (French Patent 2679421), Wilson (US 3,656,245), Softspikes and Matulla (German Patent 3811513), the references applied regarding the teeth angulation. There is nothing comparable to this angulation disclosed in the references relied upon by the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,



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